

CHAPTER NO. 741

HOUSE BILL NO. 2918

By Representative Brooks

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2736

By Senator Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-18-116, relative to the sequestration of jurors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-18-116, is amended by deleting this section in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

In all criminal prosecutions, except those in which a death sentence may be rendered, jurors shall only be sequestered at the sound discretion of the trial judge, which shall prohibit the jurors from separating at times when they are not engaged upon actual trial or deliberation of the case.

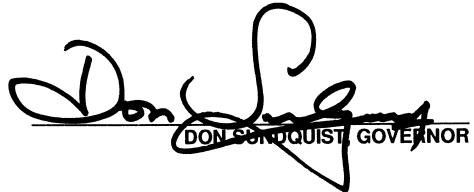
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 1, 2002


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8th day of May 2002


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR